

Revell House
Burlington, Burlington County, New Jersey

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Owner: Annis Stockton Chapter D.A.R.

Date of Erection: 1685

Architect:

Builder: George Hutchinson

Present condition: Good

Number of stories: One and one-half

Materials of construction: Foundation - stone

Floors - wood

Exterior walls - brick;
addition frame

Interior walls - plaster on brick

Roof - some evidence it was
a gable and building changed
to gambrel at early date.

Historical Data:

The Revell house was built by George Hutchinson, a prominent and wealthy West Jersey proprietor, in 1685; it is undoubtedly the oldest building now standing in Burlington County.

From 1696 to 1699 Thomas Revell, a signer of "Concession and Agreements", first clerk of the West Jersey Assembly, first Recorder for Burlington County, and Registrar of West Jersey proprietors, owned the

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house. In 1702 when the Provinces were surrendered to the Crown, Thomas Revell was appointed a member of the Governor's Council by Queen Anne; it was used by him during that time as an office; there is no evidence that he ever lived in it.

In 1699 the property was sold to Isaac De Cou, Surveyor General of New Jersey; he lived there for many years. It is probable that the roof was changed during his time.

In his Autobiography Benjamin Franklin records the fact that when he passed through Burlington on foot on his way to Philadelphia, he received ginger bread from an old woman. Local tradition has it that this was the house.

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